

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS

September 20, 2016

Funding Community Development Commission-led Investments in Affordable Housing and Homeless Services

The County of Los Angeles (County) has recently made investments in affordable housing and homeless services that will be administered by the Community Development Commission (CDC) and Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (HACOLA). These initiatives include:

- **Investments in Public Housing in South Los Angeles.** On December 1, 2015, the Board of Supervisors (Board) directed the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to work with the Executive Director of HACOLA to identify funding to address the capital improvement deficit for the South County Family Sites, which consists of 241 public housing units located in various unincorporated communities in South Los Angeles. On June 27, 2016, the Board approved \$6,000,000 for the South Scattered Sites Capital Improvements Project.
- **Rapid Rehousing and Case Management Services for Homeless Families involved in the Child Welfare System.** On February 9, 2016, the Board approved the Homeless Initiative, a comprehensive set of strategies to combat homelessness in the County. CDC is involved in implementing several of these strategies. Strategy B6, the Family Reunification Housing Subsidy, allocated \$2,000,000 from the Department of Children and Family Services and \$1,000,000 in Homeless Prevention Initiative funds to the CDC for the provision of rapid re-housing and case management services to families in the child welfare system where the parents' homelessness is the sole barrier to the return of the child(ren).
- **Coordination of CDC's Homeless Service Initiatives.** On June, 27, 2016, the County approved the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget which included \$200,000 of funding for the CDC to hire a Homeless Coordinator, who will oversee implementation and cooperation with other County departments on the various Homeless Initiative strategies in which the CDC and HACOLA are involved.

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- **Expertise in Evaluating Affordable Housing with Mental Health Service Act (MHSA) Funds.** The Department of Mental Health (DMH) has recently requested assistance from CDC to utilize the CDC's existing contract with outside consultants to facilitate the review and selection of funding proposals for housing projects applying for MHSA funds. CDC is willing to coordinate this effort for DMH and will invoice DMH up to \$15,000 as services are rendered through a Memorandum of Understanding.

Board action is required to approve agreements between the County and CDC/HACOLA, including accepting and incorporating these funds into the CDC/HACOLA FY16/17 budgets, in order for activities to be initiated.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer, or her designee, to execute and if necessary, amend or terminate agreements between the County of Los Angeles and the Community Development Commission and the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles, for the South Scattered Sites Capital Improvements Project, implementing Homeless Initiative Strategy B6, the Family Reunification Housing Subsidy, the Homeless Coordinator position, and consulting services for the Department of Mental Health.

I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD, ACTING AS THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY:

1. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to execute and if necessary, to amend or terminate a funding agreement with the County of Los Angeles and incorporate up to \$6,000,000 for the South Scattered Sites Capital Improvements Project.
2. Find that this action is not subject to CEQA because it is not defined as a project under CEQA and does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD, ACTING AS THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

1. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to execute and if necessary, to amend or terminate agreements with the County of Los Angeles, for the Homeless Coordinator position, in an annual amount of \$200,000, and consulting services for the Department of Mental Health at a cost of up to \$15,000.

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2. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to accept and incorporate up to \$1,000,000 in Homeless Prevention Initiative funds and \$2,000,000 in Department of Children and Family Service funds for Homeless Initiative Strategy B6, Family Reunification Housing Subsidy, approved by the Board of Supervisors on February 9, 2016.
3. Find that this action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not defined as a project under CEQA and does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

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